



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General

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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6216

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This letter responds to your correspondence of February 5, 2004, regarding the disclosure of the identity of a Central Intelligence Agency employee operating undercover. Your letter expressed concerns that the Department of Justice (Department) took more than two months to open an investigation in this case, and your letter stated that this delay warranted inquiry by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

In light of the fact that the Department has appointed Patrick J. Fitzgerald, the U.S. Attorney from the Northern District of Illinois, as a Special Counsel to investigate this matter thoroughly, and given the ongoing nature of his investigation, the OIG does not intend to open an inquiry into this matter. However, we have forwarded your letter to Mr. Fitzgerald.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this response or any other matter involving this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn A. Fine", is positioned above the printed name of the Inspector General.

Glenn A. Fine
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives